



ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

By this Amendment, the title has been changed consistent with the presently claimed invention. In the claims, claims 1-16 and 35-36 have been canceled. In addition, independent claim 17 has been amended for better clarity and dependent claims 18-34 have also been amended consistent with the changes to independent claim 17 or a preceding dependent claim and/or for clarity. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

In the section 1 of the outstanding Detailed Action titled *Election/Restrictions*, the restriction requirement was made final and cancellation of claims 1-16 and 35-36 was required. By this Amendment, these claims have now been canceled.

Next, in section 2 of the Detailed Action, the application was indicated as being allowable except for certain formal matters. In particular, in the sub-section titled *Title*, it was initially indicated that the title was not sufficiently descriptive of the now claimed (due to the previous restriction) invention and a new title was suggested. By this Amendment, the suggested title has been substituted for the original title.

Also in section 2, it was indicated in the subsection titled *Specification* that the disclosure was objected to because of informalities. However, no informalities were indicated. While the “preferred” layout of a specification was set forth, it will be appreciated that the present specification has those sections as appropriate; and while the present specification does not have any headings for those sections, such headings are merely “suggested” and hence not required. The examiner also indicated in this subsection that a substitute specification required a statement, but as no formal matters were particularly objected to much less anything requiring a substitute

specification, it is believed that this reference to a substitute specification was made in error. If there are some informalities requiring correction, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that suitable corrections can be made. However, it is believed that there are no informalities with the specification requiring correction.

Finally in section 2, it was (again) indicated in the subsection titled *Claims* that non-elected claims 1-16 and 35-36 should be canceled. As noted above, this has been accomplished by this Amendment.

In section 3 of the Detailed Action, it was then indicated that prosecution on the merits was closed in accordance with *Ex Parte Quayle*. This indication that the application is, other than as indicated above, **in condition for allowance** is appreciated.

However, in reviewing allowed claims 17-33 which were written in a form typical of European practice, it appeared that some revisions to the claims for better clarity and in accordance with preferred US practice were desirable. Therefore, it is requested that the allowed claims be permitted to be revised by this Amendment for clarity only (and not for substance). While the changes made are somewhat extensive, they are generally self-evident and simple, and generally fall into a few categories as noted below.

- Deletion of identifying numbers. Such numbers, even when in parentheses, are not desired for US practice and therefore have been deleted from all claims. It is noted that such numbers are not needed for identifying purposes of the associated elements.
- Use of simplified phrases rather than alternatives.
 - In claim 17, reference is made to “a rotor or stator lamination packet or a similar transfer tool” to which the band is introduced, and later in claims 29+, this alternative phrase is again used. By this Amendment, this alternative phrase is now first defined in claim 17

as “*a cylinder member* which is one of a rotor or stator lamination packet or a similar transfer tool”, and thereafter reference is definitively made to “the cylinder member”. It is submitted that the use of such a definitive phrase is more understandable and in better accordance with US practice, so that such a change is desired and should now be permitted.

- In claim 17, reference is also made to “two rotatable disks or one rotatable roller”, which have two rows of forming protrusions. By this Amendment, this alternative phrase is now first defined in claim 17 as “*a rotatable device* which is one of two rotatable disks or one rotatable roller”, and thereafter reference is definitively made to “the rotatable device”. It is likewise submitted that the use of such a definitive phrase is more understandable and in better accordance with US practice, so such a change is desired and should also now be permitted.
- Antecedent basis. Some instances where antecedent basis could be considered ambiguous, though most of which could be argued to be non-ambiguous or inherent, have been addressed to make the claims even more clear; and thus such changes should be permitted for that reason. Typically this involved such things as: changing “the” to “a” or the like, or vice versa; adding “said” or “the” before an element which had already been introduced; or making sure the same element identification was used consistently throughout the claims.
- Better identification of elements. The uses of such identifiers as “whose”, “it”, or “itself”, while probably unnecessary as the original recited elements were self-evident, has now been avoided for better clarity; and thus should be permitted for that reason.
- Examples. The use of “such as” examples associated with a claimed element in the following claims have been deleted as such examples are generally not desired in US practice.

- In claim 24, the exemplary phrase “for instance being driven by a Maltese-cross drive mechanism” has been deleted.
- In claim 26, the exemplary phrase “such as an endlessly revolving conveyor belt that can be controlled with precise positioning” has been deleted.
- Miscellaneous. A number of other minor changes have been made to the claims for clarity, such as for better grammar or understanding, as will be self-evident in the claims listing. Such changes should also be permitted to effect better clarity.

The above changes have been made for better clarity of the claimed invention, and no change in substance of the claims was intended to be made (other than the deletion of the examples from claims 24 and 26 as noted above). It is therefore submitted that these changes should now be permitted since all of them provide for better clarity of the claimed invention without any change of substance so that such changes do not affect the allowability of the claims over the prior art. It will also be appreciated that these changes were not made earlier since this action is the first action on the merits of the claims in this application.

Correction Of Inventorship. Before formal allowance of this application is made, it will be noted that a PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP was filed on August 23, 2005; and as of this date this PETITION been not been acted on. This PETITION is based on the same facts as the similar PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP filed in and granted in SN 10/635,904 (see below), so immediate acceptance of the PETITION should be made and such action is solicited. It will further be noted that a STATUS INQUIRY for this PETITION was filed on May 22, 2006.

SN 10/635,904. For the record, it will be noted that a TERMINAL DISCLAIMER over the present application was filed in co-pending application SN 10/635,904 to overcome a provisional

obviousness-type double patenting rejection. This co-pending application has substantially the same disclosure as that of the present invention, was filed on the same day, has the same inventors (as corrected in both applications), and is owned by the same assignee (recordation of the assignment from added inventor Witwer for this application is being held in abeyance pending the PTO approval of the above noted PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP).

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance (pending approval of the PETITION) and such action is solicited.